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SUBJECT: MONTEVIDEO B1/B2 VALIDATION STUDY

¶1. SUMMARY: Embassy Montevideo conducted a validation study of B1/B2 visa issuances to Uruguayan nationals using information from DHS's Advanced Targeting System (ATS), Arrival Departure Information System (ADIS), and follow-up telephone calls. Post identified an overstay rate of less than one percent. END SUMMARY.

¶2. B1/B2 applicants comprise approximately eighty percent of Montevideo's annual NIV workload. Using a random number generator, Post generated a sample group of 1,089 visas issued between 01/01/08 and 12/31/08, approximately 10% of the 10,800 B1/B2 visas issued to Uruguayan nationals during that period. The sample was submitted to CA/FPP for assistance in checking arrival and departure information via ATS and ADIS. The ATS and ADIS data eliminated all but 29 cases which were then checked with follow-up phone calls made by the Fraud Clerk. The results indicate that Uruguay has an overstay rate of well under 1% and that there is no discernible pattern in the demographics of people who overstay.

The confidence interval was calculated to be +/- 0.6% or 99%+ confidence in the results.

¶3. For the period in question, Post's refusal rate for Uruguayan nationals soliciting B visas was 7.16%.

¶4. Post thanks CA/FPP for their assistance with ATS and ADIS.

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